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DR. SUNDLOF,

THIS LETTER IS A REQUEST TO PLEASE BAN THE USE OF ANTIBIOTICS USED TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN FARM ANIMALS. WHEN ANIMALS ARE FED AND NUTRITIOUS DIET AND LIVE IN A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, GROWTH PROMOTERS ARE NOT NEEDED. IN FACT, MOST OF THE ANTIBIOTICS ADMINISTERED TO ANIMALS ON FACTORY FARMS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH TREATING THEIR ILLNESSES ! EPIDEMIOLOGISTS AT THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL ESTIMATE THAT 80% OF THE ANTIBIOTICS USED ON FARMS ARE USED FOR GROWTH PROMOTION. THE FOA SHOULD BE PROMOTING BETTER CARE FOR FARM ANIMALS INSTEAD OF A RELIANCE ON ANTIBIOTICS ! THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

SINCERELY,

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